

Sponsor Wanted Gun Control Bill Ready

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SACRAMENTO — Another gun control bill, tougher than any yet seen in the State Legislature, is ready for introduction next week, if the sponsors can find a legislator who will handle the measure.

The proposed measure is the creature of the California District Attorneys and Peace Officers Association. It would call neither for licensing of gun owners, nor registration of guns, but would require a fingerprint check of persons purchasing either hand-guns, rifles, or shot-guns.

It would also call for dealers reports of all gun transactions.

THE ASSOCIATION holds, as explained in a recent paper, that no evidence has been produced indicating there is a direct relationship between registering or licensing firearms, and the reduction of crimes committed by the use of firearms.

Further, the paper said there is no evidence that these two regulatory devices would prevent guns from falling into the hands either of criminals or persons who might be contemplating use of firearms for committing crimes.

However, the association is having some trouble finding an author for the proposed legislation.

THIS IS due to the bitter battle of 1968, during which sponsors of gun control legislation failed to secure laws for gun registration or licensing. The battle, some members believe, caused Winfield A. Shoemaker, assemblyman from Santa Barbara, to lose his seat in the 1968 elections.

As a result of this rejection by voters of a legislator who sought infringement on the right of citizens to possess firearms, legislators are slightly gun-shy of new legislation which would carry out at least a part of the Shoemaker proposals, in perhaps a different manner, but with virtually the same results.

Records of a fingerprint check by the California Bureau of Criminal Identification, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, not only for hand-guns but rifles and shot-guns as well, would in effect be a partial system of gun registration, covering all future transactions concerned with the acquisition of firearms.

MOVES BY sportsmen's groups and others opposed to registration, are already building up in the event the peace officer's association finds a legislator who is brave enough to carry the measure in the light of what happened to former Assemblyman Shoemaker.

Assemblyman Frank Murphy (R-Santa Cruz), has indicated he may go so far as to introduce a skeleton measure next week, which would have the possibility of being worked out in Senate and Assembly committees to

satisfy all segments of the public and at the same time, tighten up the laws relating to possession of firearms.

THE PEACE officers, however, have many objectionable proposals, which would affect dealers as well as the public. For instance, they are proposing the revocation of permits to carry concealed weapons, and the prohibition of issuing such permits in the future. More authority would be granted the peace officers to stop and "frisk" automobiles.

Also, the proposed law would prohibit concealing weapons either on the person, or in a vehicle.

Most legislators have come to the conclusion that the temper of the public is against imposing unnecessary restrictions on gun owners, and the consensus is that they will not be anxious to support this unpopular legislation.

Al Capp To Speak At College

Al Capp, creator of the syndicated comic strip "Li'l Abner," will present a lecture program entitled "Ask Al Capp" in the El Camino College auditorium at 8 p.m. March 3.

Best known for his hillbilly character, Li'l Abner, Capp has also fathered other comic strip brainchildren. Among the best known are the self-sacrificing "shmoos" and the erratic, truth-telling "Bald Iggle."

The cartoonist likes to inject his social and moral beliefs into his comic strips. His readers are estimated at more than 40 million. He says, "The public is like a piano. You just have to know what keys to poke."

STARTING to draw cartoons at age 11 for neighborhood children, Capp went on to study at several art schools.

Capp served as a columnist for the New York Herald Tribune Syndicate and has also served on the committee of the President's People-to-People Program.

The evening's format will include Capp's selection of approximately 50 previously submitted questions and discussing them during his lecture.

PERSONS wishing to submit questions should put them on 8-by-10 cards and forward them to Dr. Robert Haag, coordinator of community services, El Camino College, Calif. 90506.

General admission tickets to the lecture will be sold at the auditorium box office on the night of the program.

Kiwanians Plan Chamber Salute

J. Walker Owens, executive vice president of the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, will be the guest speaker at the

regular Monday evening meeting of the Torrance Kiwanis Club. The meeting, held at The Palms Restaurant at 6:30 p.m., will honor Chamber of Commerce week, program chairman Neil E. Campbell stated.

Owens' subject will be "Building a Better Community."

Owens has served the Torrance Chamber since 1963 and was recently honored by being named president of the California Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives. He was also honored by Mayor Albert Isen and the Torrance City Council for this accomplishment.

A graduate of Clemson University, he attended the University of South Carolina and has a master's degree from Columbia University. This year he will complete his 25th year in Chamber of Commerce administration and commercial organization management.

He is a native of South Carolina and has served as the manager of the Chambers of Commerce in Myrtle Beach, S.C.; Salisbury, N.C.; Charleston, S.C.; Lake Charles, La.; Odessa, Tex.; and Elmira, N.Y., before assuming his local post.



MOTOR TEST . . . J. N. Bauman (left), president and chief executive officer of the White Motor Corp., and W. A. McAfee, a director, listen as Robert Singer (right), White Motor's Advance Products Division research director, explains details of a new engine undergoing tests at White's Torrance plant. Directors of the firm held their first meeting in California and then toured the Torrance facility last week. Corporate headquarters are in Cleveland, Ohio.

White Motor Directors Tour Torrance Facility

White Motor Corporation directors got a three-year advance look at Cleveland-based company's new diesel and gasoline engines under field testing conditions as they toured the Advanced Products Division here recently.

The inspection of the Advanced Products plant, which was termed by N. J. Beck, president of the division, as "one of the few commercially oriented research and development establishments in the Los Angeles area," followed the first-ever regular board of directors meeting in California, held last Thursday.

J. N. Bauman, White's president and chief executive officer, led the contingent of directors and company officers. A highlight of the visit was the examination of proprietary testing methods which subject new

White engines to quality checks of 100,000 hours each, five to 10 times the typical engine testing period.

THE NEW engines are scheduled to go into White's farm equipment and trucks in the early 1970s.

In addition to designing, building and testing new engines, Advanced Products also develops products for White's truck, farm equipment, and industrial divisions.

The Advanced Products Division is located at 3201 W. Lomita Blvd., on a 15-acre site. More than 175 persons are employed at the facility, which in the little more than four years since its founding has attracted 85 experienced engineers and professional personnel.

IN ADDITION to Bauman, di-

rectors touring the plant today included George S. Dively, chairman of the board, Harris-Intertype Corp.; George F. Karch, chairman and president, Cleveland Trust Co.; W. A. McAfee, partner, Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, attorneys; H. J. Nave, executive vice president-truck group; Raymond Armington, chairman of the board, Triax Co.; Charles E. Spahr, president and chief executive officer, Standard Oil Co. (Ohio); and S. W. White Jr., executive vice president-farm group.

Along with Bauman, Nave and White, other company officers from Cleveland, Ohio, headquarters include R. G. Bensen, vice president, finance and administration; J. E. Adams, executive vice president; and G. V. Brown, secretary.

Heart Invasion Expected Here

Torrance businessmen can expect a Heart invasion until the end of this month, members of the area world of business and industry were warned this week.

As James P. Becker, Torrance manager for Southern California Gas Company and Community business chairman for the Los Angeles County Heart Association's Southwestern Branch, explained, local men in commerce and industry will be asked to join the campaign in lowering the risk of heart and circulatory disorders, a number one killer of profits and work hours of industry throughout the nation.

Not many people realize that 55 per cent of all deaths in Los Angeles County are caused by heart and circulatory disorders he clarified.

MORE THAN 32,000 lives were lost to these cripplers in the nation last year. In the greater Los Angeles area, family "breadwinners" — men in the prime of their wage-earning years — accounted for 17.2 per cent of these deaths.

This month, he added, everyone can give to the Heart cause when heart commerce workers come to their stores or offices. "It will do their hearts good," the Heart leader commented.

Helping to bring Heart to Torrance businessmen are Bud Babcock, United California Bank, Torrance; Lee Barger, manager, Auto Club of Southern California, Torrance; and Myron Eidsmoe, manager, Security

Pacific National Bank, Torrance.

OTHER Torrance Heart workers include Pacific Telephone and Telegraph employees — James Conn, manager, Torrance office; Pat Garvey, supervising wire chief, Gardena office, and Hal Lindborg, communication consultant, Compton office.

"When someone from the Heart Association knocks at your door throughout this month, open up your heart and 'pocketbook,'" he urged. "Remember, the Heart you save could be your own . . . or that of a loved one!"

Count Marco

Cosmetics a Must for You

In my lectures and columns I have told you that, other than keeping your skin moist, very few, if any, cosmetics creams perform wonders. It is true lubricating and skin conditioning creams can supply a valuable check to premature aging of the skin by keeping the outer layer of the skin soft and supple to prevent or minimize chapping and windburn.

In other words they may delay, but do not prevent, wrinkles. The same applies to crepey throat. Once you have it, you have it, and nothing can be done, other than surgery to tighten some lines.

Externally applied preparations, however, can delay the premature appearance of

wrinkles, providing they are not caused by ill health or age. There is one other even more important reason for using cosmetic creams and/or cosmetics. Applying them makes you feel like a woman!

Agreeing with me on this is a doctor-professor of marketing research at one of the nation's larger universities, who claims that expensive cosmetics may help you save on psychiatrist bills.

Said the good doctor: "When an average customer walks into a cosmetic department she has a want, not a need, and it is likely to be emotional. A salesperson, by selling a woman a \$40 jar of face cream is supposedly giving much needed atten-

tion and sympathy to the buyer, who will feel more beautiful just because she has these products on her dressing table."

The idea is sound, but a little far-fetched for my personal analysis. I just don't see the average woman spending \$40 on any one jar of cream or having "a whole shelf fully already."

But I do agree that cosmetics are an Absolute Necessity for every woman and the constant application of them an absolute requirement. To me it is inexcusable for some of the dried, flaky skins I see on many of you, when with a bit of daily effort you could have a smooth, lovely, touchable, even kissable, skin. And for much less than \$40 a jar.

ANN LANDERS



Accept the Terms

Dear Ann Landers: Father has a 17-year-old illegitimate daughter. My sister and I are both teenagers and we have known about Olivia for a long time but we've never met her.

Yesterday Dad received a telegram from Olivia saying her mother has kicked her out of the house. She is now living with neighbors but cannot stay there. Olivia wants to come and live with us.

Mom has said O.K. — on one condition. Olivia must be introduced as a niece, not a daughter. No one outside our immediate family knows the real relationship and my mother says she just couldn't take the gossip.

My sister and I realize Olivia's presence might cause problems but she has had a terrible life and maybe we can help her. We've tried to change Mom's mind but she is adamant. What should be done?—S.A.T.

Dear S.A.T.: Accept your mother's terms, but make it clear that Olivia understands the terms and that she is agreeable. Ordinarily I would not condone duplicity, but this is an extraordinary situation. Helping the girl should be the principal consideration and if this is the only way it can be done, then do it. (P.S. You kids sound like a couple of terrific teenagers to me. My hat off to you.)

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Dear Ann Landers: My daughters are 13 and 15 years old. They will both be enrolled in a new school next month. The school requires the girls to take gang showers after gym. They both feel this would be very embarrassing and I agree. Do you think girls should be forced to take showers in the presence of others?—MODEST MOTHER

Dear Modest: Girls who have a healthy attitude about their bodies pay little attention to each other during gang showers. Special circumstances, such as a deformity, or if a girl is too fat or underdeveloped, could alter the situation, however. These girls should be allowed to shower alone.

It goes without saying that all showering should be supervised by a teacher. If a girl shows undue interest in her classmates' nakedness, she should shower separately.

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Dear Ann Landers: I am a teenager who is writing about my grandparents who are not so grand. Last Sunday Dad left the house at 5:30 in the morning to help Grandpa and Grandpa with things they should have hired a plumber and a painter for. Dad came home at 11 at night, so tired he fell into bed without even taking off his clothes.

Mom was very annoyed. This happens a lot. She says Dad owes his Sundays to his family. Dad says he has to be a good son or he will not be happy. What do you say?—CINCINNATI

Dear Cin: Your dad is still a little boy who is trying to win the love of his parents by knocking himself out for them. Your mother cannot change him, so I hope she will lay off even though she is right.

If you have trouble getting along with your parents . . . if you can't get them to let you live your own life, send for Ann Landers' booklet, "Bugged By Parents? How to Get More Freedom." Send 50 cents in coin with your request and a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of the Press-Herald enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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A Letter To My Son

By Tom Rische

High School Teacher and Youth Worker

Dear Bruce,

I think much of the unrest among young people will stop when we finally get some kind of peace settlement in Vietnam.

"Is Vietnam really worth dying for?" is a question that comes up in various ways in discussions among students today.

"If I'm going to die young, I want to die for something worthwhile," said one boy. "I can't understand what's happening."

History alone probably will be the final judge of whether the Vietnam conflict really was worthwhile, but the war certainly is one of the most confusing and frustrating we have ever fought. The Vietnamese prefer guerilla warfare to the more "efficient" American system — in decisive, open battles.

The politics involved is almost beyond understanding, and confusion among students and adults is widespread. They ask:

"Why did we go in there in the first place?"

"Why don't we get out if we can't win?"

"What are we really accomplishing except killing people and tearing up the country?"

What it boils down is that many students feel their leaders miscalculated and lied to them about the war which is technically only a "police action." They transfer their feelings to adults and the "system" in general.

I don't think they are cowardly; I think they are honestly confused — as are many adults. They are looking for leaders they can trust — and people with answers.

Yours for peaceful answers,
YOUR DAD